paid in time. Taxes for subsequent years have also been paid as per the judgement of the Judge, small causes courts.

Oceanographic Survey in Andhra Pradesh Coast

1917. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any oceanographic survey has been conducted in the Andhra Pradesh coast; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Yes, Sir. The National Institute of Oceanography (Goa), the Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (Cochin), the Geological Survey of India, and the Oil & Natural Gas Commission have conducted surveys in the offshore areas of Andhra Pradesh for ocean development programmes.

(b) (i) The National Institute of Oceanography have undertaken cruises with *Gaveshani* and *Sagar Kanya* off Andhra Pradesh coast and carried out physical, chemical, biological, geological and geophysical studies. Surveys have also been conducted by them for placer deposits, erosion, sediments etc.

(ii) The Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute have surveyed the off shore areas of Andhra Pradesh with *Sagar Sampada* and located several new fishery grounds.

(iii) The Geological Survey of India have also carried out surveys in the offshore areas of Andhra Pradesh and located minerals like Zircon, Monazite, Ilmenite etc. in the shelf sediments within territorial waters.

(iv) The Oil & Natural Gas Commission have conducted surveys off Andhra Pradesh coast for the exploration of hydrocarbon. So far, 32 wells have been drilled, of which five wells have indicated the presence of oil and gas and two have indicated the presence of gas.

Amount sanctioned to Andhra Pradesh under Minimum Needs Programme

1918. SHRI GOPALA RAO RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state the amount sanctioned to Andhra Pradesh to implement the schemes prepared under the Minimum Needs Programme (MNP) in 1985 and 1986 and the amount earmarked for the year 1987?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI SUKH RAM): The amount allocated in the State Plan of Andhra Pradesh to implement the schemes under the Minimum Needs Programme during the years 1985-86, 1986-87, and the amount earmarked for the year 1987-88 are; Rs. 9791 lakhs, Rs. 11244 lakhs, and Rs. 14064 lakhs respectively.

Per Capita Central Assistance to States

1919. SHRI NARAYAN KAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state what is the per capita Central assistance to the States of Madhya Pradesh, Uttar-Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Haryana, West Bengal, Punjab and Kerala during the period 1980 to 1986; year wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI SUKH RAM): A statement is attached showing year-wise per capita Central assistance given to the States of Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Haryana, West Bengal, Punjab and Kerala during the period 1980-81 to 1985-86.